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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and responsive to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 23), entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
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I. AMENDMENTS

A. In the Title

Please amend the Title as follows:

FUSION PROTEINS ~~METHOD~~ FOR IDENTIFYING PROTEASES, PROTEASE TARGET
SITES AND REGULATORS OF PROTEASE ACTIVITY IN LIVING CELLS